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MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO SECOND OFFICE ACTIONAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the second office action of March 13, 2001, please amend the
above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 5, 12, 16, 19-27, and 37, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 6, 13, 31, 35, 36, and 38-41 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A system for managing handwritten
signatures, comprising:

(a) a graphic tablet for signaling position
coordinates of a stylus during manual movement thereof relative
to a writing surface;

(b) a clock circuit for periodically initiating
position measurements by the graphic tablet at predetermined
fixed time intervals;

(c) a first computer processor electrically
interfaced with the tablet, the processor being programmed for
receiving a multiplicity of the coordinates during the manual